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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2001, for which the date for response is October 10, 2001. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby acknowledge that the recited groups are separately patentable and elect to prosecute Group F claims, claims 1-14, 30-34 and 182-183, drawn to methods for detecting pregnancy in bovine animals utilizing BoPAG 9 (SEQ ID NO: 32), classified in class 436, subclass 65.

Applicants note that a linking claim, claim 1, exists in the application. In particular, claim 1 is generic to a method comprising the use of an antibody that binds immunologically to a pregnancy